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SUBJECT: US/EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: HUMAN RIGHTS AND CSCE

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1. SUMMARY: DANISH AMBASSADOR OTTO BORCH CALLED ON HUMAN

RIGHTS BUREAU DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARK L. SCHNEIDER, JAN 5. CHILE, VOTES IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (IFIS), LOME NEGOTIATIONS, CSCE, AND DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUED DANISH EMBASSY (EC)-DEPARTMENT CONTACTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WERE MAJOR POINTS COVERED. BORCH INDICATED HE HAD NO PARTICULAR ISSUES TO RAISE NOW, WOULD CONVEY ANY U.S. CONCERNS TO EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AND HOPED TO MEET AGAIN AFTER JANUARY 9-10 EC MEETING TO REVIEW WHAT TOOK PLACE THERE. END SUMMARY.

2. IFIS: BOTH SCHNEIDER AND BORCH NOTED THAT THE RECENT EC COUNTRIES' AND U.S. ABSTENTIONS ON THE WORLD BANK VOTE FOR CHILE, DECIDED INDEPENDENTLY BY THE EC AND WASHINGTON, DEMONSTRATED THE POTENTIAL FOR COORDINATED EC-U.S. INITIATIVES IN IFIS. THEY AGREED THAT, IN EVERY

PENDING VOTE, THE EC AND U.S. WOULD NOT HAVE IDENTICAL VIEWS. HOWEVER, TO DETERMINE WHERE VIEWS DID CONVERGE, THE U.S. AND THE EC SHOULD CONSULT WELL BEFORE THE VOTES. A JOINT EC-U.S. EFFORT TO FIND ONE OR TWO OTHER COUNTRIES TO ABSTAIN ON CERTAIN LOANS, BORCH REMARKED, COULD BRING THE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS ABOVE 50 PERCENT. THERE WAS A LACK OF CONSENSUS IN THE IFIS, BORCH SAID, ON STANDARDS FOR MEETING HUMAN NEEDS; PERHAPS THE UPCOMING LOME NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SHARPEN THINKING ON THIS, EVEN IF THEY WERE UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT

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ON WHAT DEVELOPMENT BANKS SHOULD DO. WHEN ASKED, BORCH DOUBTED THAT THE EC DEMARCHE TO URUGUAY WAS INDICATIVE OF A HEIGHTENED RECEPTIVITY BY ALL THE EC GOVERNMENTS TO USING IFI VOTES FOR COVEYING HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS. BORCH SUGGESTED THAT MANY OF THE EC-9 GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HAVE SPECIFIC VIEWS ON WHAT IFIS SHOULD BE DOING; HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT, SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH US, AND SEEK TIMELY INDICATIONS OF CURRENT U.S. THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT TO CONVEY TO THE NINE. IN THIS RESPECT COPENHAGEN WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN OR SCHNEIDER ANYTIME.

3. WORLD BANK: BORCH ASKED WHETHER THE WORLD BANK WAS ATTEMPTING TO SET ITS OWN POLICY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND LOANS. SCHNEIDER SUGGESTED THAT THE BANK PRESENTLY WAS TESTING THE WATERS, TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT REACTIONS THERE WOULD BE IF SUCH POLICIES WERE ADOPTED. IF MEMBER COUNTRIES AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS PRIORITIES, THE BANK WOULD HAVE AN EASIER TIME OF IT. BORCH WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE NOTION OF WITHHOLDING CONTRIBUTIONS. SCHNEIDER EXPLAINED ADMINISTRATION OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN

CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES IN THAT DIRECTION IN TERMS OF THE UNDESIRABILITY OF LINKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIFIC COUNTRIES; ONCE CONTRIVED, IT WOULD BE HARD TO "DELINK." CONGRESSIONAL MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION--FAR FROM UNIFORM--REPRESENTED A CONVENIENT COALITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES AND TRADITIONAL FOREIGN AID OPPONENTS.

4. CSCE: BORCH OFFERED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EC AND U.S. ON OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING CLOSING PHASE OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE USG WAS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THOUGHT ON HOW TO KEEP ALIVE THE BELGRADE DIALOGUE ON PRINCIPLE VII, HOW TO INCORPORATE IT INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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BILATERAL INITIATIVES WITH INDIVIDUAL WP COUNTRIES BETWEEN THIS AND THE NEXT CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE, IN 1980 OR WHENEVER. THE U.S. RECOGNIZED THE RELATIVE EASE, IN

BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES, OF TAKING UP DIVIDED FAMILY CASES, COMPARED WITH THE DISTINCT, COMPLICATED ISSUES DEFINED IN PRINCIPLE VII. NONETHELESS, THIS WAS A SUBJECT WORTH EXPLORING. BORSH REVIEWED THE PAST DANISH POLICY OF TAKING UP SPECIFIC CASES IN BILATERAL CHANNELS, ACCEPTED SCHNEIDER'S CONFIRMATION THAT PUBLIC CSCE DIPLOMACY WAS USEFUL IN ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF A COUNTRY'S HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS.

5. BORSH AND SCHNEIDER AGREED TO MEET AFTER THE JANUARY 9-10 DISCUSSIONS IN COPENHAGEN. VANCE

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